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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS : ASEC, TC

SUBJECT : POSSIBLE ATTACK ON AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

REF: BEIRUT 11647

1. INFO CONTAINED REFTEL MOST APPRECIATED. WHILE REALIZING THAT THERE ARE STILL DETAILS TO BE LOOKED INTO--E.G. FURTHER NAME CHECKS AND CONFIRMATION OF INFORMANT'S AMMAN INFO PARA 2.E REFTEL--IT STRIKES US INCREASINGLY THAT THREAT STORY HOLDING UP TO CAREFUL EXAMINATION. AND THIS MEANS WE MUST DO MORE TO RESPOND TO IT-- SPECIFICALLY WE MUST BE IN POSITION TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS TO UAEG. NOT ONLY IS IT UNSATISFACTORY TO REMAIN STRICTLY ON DEFENSIVE, BUT THERE IS LIMIT TO HELP WE CAN EXPECT EVEN ON THAT SIDE WITHOUT GIVING MORE CREDIBILITY IN EYES LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO THREAT ITSELF. THIS MADE CLEAR IN MEETING WHICH CHARGE/ RSS/RSO HAD WITH BRIGADIER MAHGOUB, DIR GEN MININTERIOR SEPT. 18. WHILE INDICATING UAEG WILL CONTINUE INCREASED PROTECTION INSTITUTED EVENING SEPT. 153(THAT GUARD WILL BE PROVIDED AT CHARGE RESIDENCE AND THAT PLAIN CLOTHES COVERAGE OF CHANCERY HAS BEEN INCREASED, MAHGOUB IN EFFECT STATED THAT WITHOUT MORE DETAILS THERE WAS LIMIT TO WHAT THEY COULD DO IN VIEW CONFLICTING DEMANDS. IN SHORT THEY NEEDED SOMETHING TO CONVERT THIS THREAT FROM GENERAL SORT OF THING WHICH THEY TOO HEAR ON OCCASION TO SOMETHING SPECIFIC DEMANDING

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AND JUSTIFYING FURTHER ACTION.

2. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT WAY MUST BE FOUND TO GIVE UAEG AUTHORITIES SOME OF HARD FACTS WHICH CONTAINED REFTEL. SPECIFICALLY WE BELIEVE NAMES AND DETAILS CONTAINED PARAS 1.A-F SHOULD IF AT ALL POSSIBLE BE PROVIDED. WE RECOGNIZE RISKS TO INFORMANT RESULTING FROM FURTHER DISSEMINATION, BUT TRUST THAT DEPT. IN CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY BEIRUT WILL AGREE THAT THIS RISK MUST BE TAKEN. SHORT OF THIS, WE BELIEVE THERE IS STRICT LIMIT TO WHAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM HOST GOVERNMENT--LIMIT WHICH MAY WELL BE INADEQUATE TO REALITY OF THREAT.

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